

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (currently amended) A mobile communication device for use with an automated monitoring system for monitoring and controlling a plurality of remote devices, the automated monitoring system comprising a site controller in communication with the plurality of remote devices via a plurality of transceivers defining a wireless communication network and in communication with a host computer via a wide area network, the mobile communication device comprising:

memory comprising a unique identifier associated with the mobile communication device;

logic responsive to a transmit command to retrieve the unique identifier from memory and generate a transmit message using a predefined communication protocol being implemented by the wireless communication network, the transmit message comprising the unique identifier such that the transmit message may be received by the site controller via the wireless communication network and such that the site controller may identify the mobile communication device and notify the host computer of the transmit message;

a wireless transmitter to communicate over the wireless communication network and to provide the transmit **message signal** to the wireless communication network;

wherein the predefined communication protocol comprises a data packet comprising: a receiver address identifying the receiver of the data packet; a sender address identifying the sender of the data packet; and a command indicator specifying a predefined command code; and

the data packet further comprising a data payload, a checksum field for performing a redundancy check, a packet length indicator which indicates a total number of bytes in the current packet; a total packet indicator which indicates the total number of packets in the current message; and a current packet indicator which identifies the current packet; and a message number identifying the current message.

2. (previously presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the logic is stored in memory and the device further comprises a microcontroller responsive to the transmit command and to implement the logic.

3. (currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the wireless transmitter provides the transmit **message signal** as a radio frequency signal.
4. (currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the wireless transmitter provides the transmit **message signal** as a low power radio frequency signal.
5. (cancelled)
6. (currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the logic encrypts the transmit **message signal**.
7. (currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the transmit **message signal** comprises an emergency command.
8. (currently amended) The device of claim 1, further comprising a wireless receiver integrated with the wireless transmitter and wherein the transmit **message signal** is retransmitted until an acknowledgement command is received from the site controller.
9. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the mobile communication device is integrated with a handheld computer.
10. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the mobile communication device is integrated with a wireless telephone.
- 11.-12. (cancelled)
13. (currently amended) A mobile communication device for use with an automated monitoring system for monitoring and controlling a plurality of remote devices, the automated monitoring system comprising a site controller in communication with the plurality of remote devices via a plurality of transceivers defining a wireless communication network and in communication with a host computer via a wide area network **having multiple available**

communication links between the remote devices, site controller, and the host computer,

the mobile communication device comprising:

a means for storing a unique identifier associated with the mobile communication device;

a means, responsive to a transmit command, for retrieving the unique identifier from memory and for generating a transmit message using a predefined communication protocol being implemented by the wireless communication network, the transmit message comprising the unique identifier such that the transmit message may be received by the site controller via the wireless communication network and such that the site controller may identify the mobile **communication identification** device and notify the host computer of the transmit **message signal**;

a means for providing the transmit signal over the wireless communication network; and

wherein the predetermined communication protocol comprises a data packet comprising a packet length indicator which indicates a total number of bytes in the current packet; a total packet indicator which indicates the total number of packets in the current message; and a current packet indicator which identifies the current packet; and a message number identifying the current message.

14. (currently amended) The device of claim 13, wherein the means for providing the transmit **message signal** involves radio frequency communication.

15. (currently amended) The device of claim 13, wherein the means for providing the transmit **message** involves low power radio frequency communication.

16. (previously presented) The device of claim 13, wherein the predefined communication protocol comprises a data packet comprising: a receiver address identifying the receiver of the data packet; a sender address identifying the sender of the data packet; and a command indicator specifying a predefined command code.

17. (currently amended) The device of claim 13, further comprising a means for encrypting the transmit **message signal**.

18. (currently amended) The device of claim 13, wherein the transmit **message signal** comprises a means for identifying an emergency.

19. (currently amended) The device of claim 13, further comprising a means for receiving an acknowledgement command from the wireless communication network and wherein the means for providing the transmit **message signal** retransmits the transmit signal until an acknowledgement command is received.

20. (original) The device of claim 13, wherein the mobile communication device is integrated with a handheld computer.

21. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the mobile communication device is integrated with a wireless telephone.

22. (currently amended) A method for enabling a mobile user to notify an automated monitoring system of an emergency situation, the automated monitoring system monitoring and controlling a plurality of remote devices and comprising a site controller in communication with the plurality of remote devices via a plurality of transceivers defining a wireless communication network and in communication with a host computer via a wide area network, the method comprising: ~~[[the steps of:]]~~

receiving notification that the mobile user desires to initiate transmission of an emergency message to the site controller **via a communication link substantially constantly available;**

determining the identity of the mobile user **at the site controller;**

providing ~~[[an]]~~ **the** emergency message over the wireless communication network for delivery to the site controller, the emergency message indicating the identity of the mobile user; and

wherein the emergency message comprises a data packet comprising a packet length indicator which indicates a total number of bytes in the current packet; a total packet indicator which indicates the total number of packets in the current message; and a current packet

indicator which identifies the current packet; and a message number identifying the current message.

23. (original) The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of receiving acknowledgement from the site controller over the wireless communication network that the emergency message was received.

24. (original) The method of claim 23, wherein the step of providing the emergency message is repeated periodically until acknowledgement is received.